

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TABS: PFOR CSCE OGEN PINT SHUM UR  
SUBJECT: EMBASSY WALK-IN

1. SOVIET CITIZEN VLADIMIR FEDOROVICH KOROTKIN FROM VORONEZH, BORN JULY 5, 1922 IN ORENBURG, PUSHED WAY PAST MILITIA INTO EMBASSY'S CONSULAR LOBBY APRIL 6 ABOUT 1430 HOURS. ACCORDING TO SPOUSE OF IREX EXCHANGE HERE WHO WITNESSED INCIDENT, KOROTKIN WALKED UP TO MILITIA MAN, PUT HIS HAND IN POCKET AS IF TO PULL IDENTIFICATION PAPERS BUT INSTEAD GRAPPLED WITH MILITIA MAN. LATTER WAS THUS CAUGHT OFF BALANCE AND KOROTKIN, A BURLEY SIX FOOTER, WAS ABLE EASILY TO PUSH HIS WAY PAST.

2. IN CONSULAR SECTION, HE WAS RECEIVED BY CONSULAR COUNSELOR TO WHOM HE APPEALED FOR ASSISTANCE TO EMIGRATE TO US. KOROTKIN COMPLAINED THAT HE GETS ONLY MENIAL JOBS IN USSR DESPITE FACT HE HAS DEGREES IN LAW AND ENGINEERING WHICH HE SHOWED CONSOFF. HE STATED THIS WAS FIRST REQUEST TO US EMBASSY BUT HE HAD MADE SIMILAR APPROACH TO BRITISH EMBASSY IN 1961 FOR WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED AND INTERROGATED AT LYUBYANKA. HE HAS HAD TROUBLE WITH POLICE ON AND OFF SINCE THEN AS WELL.

3. KOROTKIN RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTED CONSOFF'S EXPLANATION THAT  
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EMBASSY WAS NOT IN POSITION TO HELP HIM EXIT FROM USSR. HE ASKED THAT EMBASSY FORWARD TO PRESIDENT HIS APPEAL FOR POLITICAL ASYLUM.

4. KOROTKIN, WHO APPEARED WELL AWARE HE WOULD BE DETAINED UPON DEPARTURE FROM EMBASSY, REQUESTED SAKHAROV'S TELEPHONE NUMBER (WHICH WAS NOT GIVEN TO HIM). HE HAD APPARENTLY CONTACTED UPI,

HOWEVER, AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO AWAIT CORRESPONDENTS IN  
LOBBY FOR INTERVIEW. HE ACCEPTED CONSOFF'S EXPLANATION THAT  
THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE AND TWO CONSOFFS THEN ESCORTED TO  
SQUARE NORTH OF EMBASSY, WHERE PLAINCLOTHES MEN WHO HAD BEEN  
FOLLOWING PICKED HIM UP.  
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